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COMMERCIAL DISHONESTY
The greed of great gain, quickly gotten and at any cost of morals or humanity, seems to have seized the modern business man with an obsession that knows neither limit nor tire.

None too soon was Roosevelt raised up as a preacher of economic righteousness, of trade honesty, and that rule of right between man and man expressed in his famous phrase of the "square deal."

As if it were not enough that the rich trusts, already tariffed to dropscall flatness were plundering the hapless people by regressing and forestalling every staple of life—"cornering the market," is the modern phraseology; not enough that the rapacious manufacturers of food stuffs and drugs should rob the consumer at once of money and health by scandalous adulterations of pretty nearly every article they make, till the shameful climax was reached in the State of Pennsylvania that 65 per cent. of all foods were found to be adulterated sometimes in a poisonous way—as if all this compound pilfering of the people were not enough, now to cap the infamy of it all, official investigations show that the dealers in the various food stuffs, especially the retailers, must needs also swindle their customers—the masses—by short weights and measures, wet and dry. As shown by these official investigations the amount and character of this form of business piracy, is appalling. Mr. Fritz Reichman, Superintendent of Weights and Measures of the State of New York in an article in the *American Magazine* for August, gives a number of instances of these contemptible practices that for audacity and heartlessness seem unbelievable. To quote his own words:

"Investigations in New York City in the provision stores along the main thoroughfares show that in 304 places visited in Manhattan and the Bronx, 59 per cent. of the scales, 71 per cent. of the weights and 82 per cent. of the capacity measures, were incorrect—short everywhere from three up to 75 per cent. Other boughs were about as bad.

"In Poughkeepsie with 40,000 people, it was found that out of 37 stores visited, only four had their weighing and measuring apparatus correct and only once in 400 pieces tested, was a scale found giving over-weight.

"In other states and cities, large and small, conditions are just as chaotic or even worse. The Federal and State governments have been derelict in their duty of attempting to secure fair and uniform weights and measures and even the few attempts made or being made, are puerile, perfunctory and insufficient. In the meantime, the short, weight artist is reaping his harvest from San Francisco to Philadelphia, injuring the honest dealer, and causing a loss of tens of millions of dollars annually to the consumers."

Mr. Reichman describes the various fraudulent practices called "stacking measures" by wedging big apples or potatoes in the measures, putting false bottoms in them wet and dry, etc.

"In three blocks 40 dry quart measures were counted in New York City—all short over 50 per cent. The prevalence of false weights and measures and the false use of weights and measures is alarming and it is not to the credit of this country of the individual states, that the subject has not received proper recognition. The shameful conditions here are not tolerated by any other civilized nation in the world."

This State and National indifference, that permits unrebuted these wholesale frauds upon the people—falling the heaviest upon those the least able to bear them—the poor—unquestionably reflects a low moral sentiment largely pervading our whole commercial life, of which the widespread graft in official circles is but the counterpart. Indeed, all sorts of crooked practices are indulged in business to-day with scarcely a protest from Pulpit or Bench; ill-smelling "tricks of the trade" are now in perfect good odor; while in every department of business, maxims of sheer wofishness are heard on the lip and seen in the practice that would have shocked the consciences of our ruder forefathers.

Let us thank God, therefore, that in this money-getting wilderness of ours another prophet of His is lifting his voice against these iniquities, and take heart.

GODWIN REFUSED PARDON
To the credit of the Board of Pardons they unanimously denied application number four of Jack Godwin.

The whole remarkable proceed-

ings in behalf of this fellow have sometime since reached the farcical stage. And if the extra-judicial methods employed by his friends and sympathizers should have resulted in turning him out to prey again upon society, it would have tended to bring the administration of justice in this State into contempt, and the Board of Pardons have richly earned the thanks of all decent, law-abiding citizens in rebuking the audacity of the fellow by curtly refusing to allow the case already exhaustively tried and determined with every form of law, to be retried out of Court on loose and irresponsible affidavits. It is to be hoped for the sake of the cause of justice and the success of the party, that this fourth denial by the whole Board of his application will cause him and his cheeky crowd to realize at last that even Jack Godwin, the Briber, must swallow his jail medicine just the same as any common felon.

\$11,982 From 24 Acres
It is claimed that Charles Votz, of the Mission community, in Texas, holds the world's record for profits from intensive farming. He recently sold his Bermuda onion crop on 24 acres for \$11,982. Deducting the expense of planting, cultivating, harvesting and marketing, the crop left him a fortune.

The onion yield from these 24 acres filled 22 cars. The product was shipped to Northern and Eastern markets. The land could have been bought ten years ago for \$1 an acre. This onion crop occupied a season of less than seven months. The same land will be planted again and made to yield from \$100 to \$200 an acre during the five months remaining.

It is said that probably larger yields to the acre may have been obtained from smaller acreage, but as far as known the profits obtained by Mr. Votz from 24 acres a new record for intensive farming. All Bermuda onions in the lower Rio Grande Valley territory are raised by irrigation.

Pennsy Lowers Rates

Threatening to lay the schedule of high freight rates charged by the Pennsylvania Railroad at Georgetown before the National Railroad Commission, the Board of Trade of that town won its first victory last Friday morning when it received a notice that the freight rate on coal had been lowered from \$2.05 a ton to \$2, a saving of thousands of dollars to coal consumers in that section. The protest was laid before the railroad officials by L. L. Layton, a large shipper of Georgetown, as chairman of the committee appointed by the Board of Trade. The fight will be carried further, backed by the grangers, to lower the rates on fertilizer, which at present is charged 30 per cent. more in Georgetown than in Maryland, a haul of seventy-five miles more. The lowered rate on coal is considered the opening wedge, and Georgetown is looking for lower rates, or a determined protest will be made to the national commission.—Milford Chronicle.

Delegates to Convention

Governor Crothers Tuesday announced the list of delegates to the National Farmers' Convention, which will open at Lincoln, Neb., on October 9th. Those named from Cecil County are as follows: Coston C. Price, Warwick; James A. Pierce, Cecilton; J. H. Kimble, Port Deposit; W. B. Davis, Cecilton; James Edelman, Port Deposit; James M. C. Garhart, Zion; William B. Wilson, St. Augustine; W. T. Clark, Cecilton; M. C. Reeder, Rising Sun; Elwood Balderson, Colors; C. E. Ewing, Rising Sun; Joseph T. Grove, North East; Allen Fasit, Rising Sun; R. K. Rawlings, Port Deposit; Alexander Wilson, Cecilton; W. M. Pogue, Rising Sun; Jessie Wood, Nottingham, Pa.; R. T. Cameron, Rising Sun; Cassius F. Kirk, Rising Sun; Clinton M. Dunbar, Elkton; James T. Arnour, Rising Sun; Harry C. McDowell, North East.

Godwin Refused a Pardon

The fourth application for pardon of John Godwin of Delaware City, convicted of attempting to bribe Philip Oliver on election day, was denied by the Board of Pardons Monday afternoon. Crossan, the missing witness, was produced and stuck to his story.

Farms For Sale!

No. 1—610 acres, in Kent, Md.
No. 2—220 " "
No. 3—202 " "
No. 4—180 " "
No. 1—132 " in Cecil, Md.
No. 2—160 " in St. Georges Hd., Del.
No. 2—180 " in Blackbird Hd., Del.
No. 3—185 " "
No. 4—177 " "
No. 5—187 " "
No. 6—150 " "
No. 7—170 " in Red Lion Hd.
No. 9—352 " "
No. 10—245 " "
No. 11—667 " in Kent, Del.
No. 12—160 "

If you desire a home, many of these are among the best and not a fancy price.

Geo. W. INGRAM,
Middletown, Del.

**FOR REGISTER OF WILLS
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

Walter Beasten
OF ST. GEORGES HUNDRED

Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

**FOR CORONER
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Chas. H. Crawford
Subject to the Republican Rules

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SAFE DEPOSIT
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Capital & Surplus, \$1,200,000

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James B. Olsonson, Vice-President
John S. Russell, Secy. & Treasurer
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H. DEKTOR, Prop.**
Broad and Main Sts. Middletown

The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detache the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General Furniture.
CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES
UPHOLSTERING IN ALL
ITS BRANCHES

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EMBALMER**

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Middletown - Delaware

**DO YOU WANT TO
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For \$5000.00**

Buildings insured for \$3275.00 in good condition. Terms \$2000.00 cash. Balance at 5 per cent. This farm was appraised in settlement of estate at \$3600.00, and is located in a good section of the country, about eleven miles from Middletown and 3 miles from a good town. Apply to

E. H. BECK,
Middletown, Del.

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REHOBOTH, DELAWARE

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Delaware's Popular Resort

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Wilmington Avenue near Board Walk. Fine cuisine and dining-room. For terms address

MRS. A. C. TAYLOR,
Rehoboth, Delaware.

DELAWARE COLLEGE
NEWARK, DELAWARE

Entrance Examinations, September 13 and 14, 1910.

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For Catalogue and other information write to

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Corner Main and Broad Streets,

Middletown, : : : : Delaware

Cut Prices

FOR
SATURDAY, JULY 30th, 1910

Since buying the Lundy Grocery and Meat Store one month ago, I have made many improvements to the interior and my increasing business is a good indication that our customers are appreciating our effort to give them an up-to-date Cut Price Grocery and meat store. During the past week I have added to my already large stock, several hundred dollars worth of fresh goods, which will be on sale to-day. Every article is guaranteed, and if not satisfactory, I will gladly refund your money. If you do not want to buy, call and see how many improvements we have made to the old stand. Every article we sell complies to the Pure Food Law.

	REG. PRICE	CUT PRICE
SPECIAL SALE OF FLOUR		
Gold Medal Flour,	50c bag,	45c bag
Snow Cream Flour,	35c bag,	28c bag
Economic Flour,	45c bag,	35c bag
SPECIALS IN SUGAR		
Granulated Sugar,	6c lb.	5½c lb.
Shredded Wheat,	12c lb.	11c lb.
Arbucks Coffee	18c lb.	16c lb.
Best Black Tea	60c lb.	30c lb.
Sliced Sugar Cured Ham,	25c lb.	21c lb.
Wilmington Provision Co's Boiled Ham	35c lb.	30c lb.
Best Cheese	28c lb.	19c lb.
Mason's Fruit Jars with rubbers	60c doz.	48c doz.
A large lot of Watermelons at exceptionally low prices		

	REG. PRICE	CUT PRICE
FOODS		
Gold Medal Flour,	50c bag,	45c bag
Snow Cream Flour,	35c bag,	28c bag
Economic Flour,	45c bag,	35c bag
DRUGS		
Gold Medal Flour,	50c bag,	45c bag
Snow Cream Flour,	35c bag,	28c bag
Economic Flour,	45c bag,	35c bag
GENERAL		
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Mail Close as follows.
Going North—7:30 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 4:05 p.m.,
5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Going South—8:00 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 9 p.m.
For Odessa—7:50 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
To New Warwick, Cecilton and Mariville 9:30 a.m., and 4:45 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rain needed.
Peaches plentiful.
Keep cool and keep your temper.
Farmers are threshing their wheat.

FOR SALE.—26-foot garden hose.

MISSES SPURGEON.

FOR SALE—PEACH AND TRUCK BASKETS AT S. B. FOARD'S.

Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of Poultry and Eggs. W. C. Jones.

Rubber tires put on go-carts and small bicycle wheels, at J. H. Emerson's.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.

The continued intensely hot period has been particularly hard on truckers. Fruits and vegetables need rain badly.

The Smyrna Board of Education has elected Professor Linn E. Earheart, of Mt. Joy, Pa., principal of the High School.

FOR RENT.—House on Lake street. Possession given at once. Apply to Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls.

All kinds of fresh and salt Meats, Sausage, Scrapple and Lard constantly on hand. W. C. Jones.

FOR RENT.—A desirable 8 room dwelling, in good repair. Possession at once if desired. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

If you have a visitor or any news items we would be pleased if you would do us the kindness to pass it to the paper.

FOR SALE.—First-class cooking stove and three heating stoves, one a double-heater. MISSES SPURGEON.

Our personal column can be made more complete and interesting if our readers will send notices of entertainments and visitors.

The Wilmington Prohibition League has passed a resolution requesting that a State convention of the Prohibition party be called to nominate a State ticket.

From sixty-five to seventy bushels of oats are being harvested to the acre in Cecil county Md. On the farm of George Reynolds the oats stood over six feet high.—Ex.

FARMERS IMPROVE YOUR LAND. We are now taking orders for HIGH GRADE CARBONATE OF LIME. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Phone 5.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Have your Live Stock Insured against death from any cause, in the Indiana & Ohio Life Stock Insurance Co. For rates write to JOHN J. JOLLS, Agent, Middletown, Delaw.

FOR RENT.—The store we are now occupying as a Millinery Shop and the house where we reside on Lake street. Possession September 1st, or before, Apply to Store. MISSES SPURGEON.

After June 1st, the library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 7 to 8:30; Friday, 7 to 8:30; Saturday, 3 to 5 p.m. As usual during the summer, the library will be closed on Tuesday afternoons.

Are any members of your family visiting friends out of town, or have you guests at your home? If so we would be glad to make a mention of the fact in our personal column. Simply drop us a line and call at the office.

Middletown Defeated

The Middletown base ball club went down to defeat at the hands of the Dover club on Saturday afternoon. The visitors had a strong nine, Dover being very effective and swift with his curves. With Pool in the box for the locals, a different result was expected, as they had one or two other players from a distance. With the exception of one badinning, the third, when six men tallied, the contest was exciting and close. It was a hard game for the locals to lose, and was a great disappointment to the home club.

The score by innings:

Dover 0 0 6 1 0 0 0 1 8
Middletown 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 4
Umpire, D. W. Stevens.

The Local Paper

The papers of the cities are all right if you want them, but remember that it is your own home papers that advertise your church, your schools, your various societies, your entertainments for the public benefit and enterprises of all sorts for the public good. It is the local paper that writes up wedding festivities and all kinds of social functions, as well as obituaries of the dead, and mentions the thousands and one items in which you are interested during the year and do not find in the city papers.

During the month of August the service of the Forest Presbyterian Church will be as follows: Sunday evening, at 6:45 o'clock, the Christian Endeavor service. The Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings will be led by the Elders of the Church.

The heart of the tiller of the soil is made glad by the appearance of the corn field, which is beginning to shoot and tassel. It is claimed by those who profess to know that with favorable weather for the next month the corn crop will be a record breaker.

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Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending July 21st: Miss Broadbent, Mrs. Annie Coates, Mrs. Evelina Draper, Miss Clara Pieron, Mrs. Ada Whitlock, Mr. Winsford Ailes, Calvin J. Barlett, Mr. George Bordley.

The boys are having a splendid time during vacation swimming, boating, playing base ball and other amusements. We advise them to get out of vacation all the enjoyment possible for in a few more weeks summer will be over and the bell will commence ringing for you to make your appearance at school.

Mrs. Frederick Brady and her sister, Mrs. Lillie D. Embree, have jointly donated one hundred dollars to the Endowment Fund of the Forest Presbytery Church, as a memorial to their mother, Mrs. Marietta H. Day, who at the time of her death was a communicant of this church. Through the generosity of these ladies, the Endowment Fund now amounts to \$2,121.00.

Highbury Commissioner Francis A. Price was instructed Tuesday by the Levy Court of New Castle County, to advertise for bids for building the following good roads:—Lore Avenue in Brandywine Hundred; Lancaster turnpike and the Telegraph road from Newark to the Maryland line; the road from Delaware City to St. Georges and the road from Hare's Corner to Tybouts' Corner.

To our neighbors and friends especially to the Volunteer Hose Company, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the prompt and valuable assistance tendered in extinguishing the fire originating in an outbuilding in the rear of our residence on Sunday afternoon, for which a time threatened the destruction of other property. The Hose Company was quickly on the ground and to their energetic and efficient efforts we owe the rescue from the flames of adjacent and more valuable property.

G. E. HUKILL.

NEW MOTIVE POWER

THE TRANSCRIPT wishing to improve its facilities for displaying its increasing volume of job work and of getting out its regular edition more quickly, has treated itself to the useful luxury of a two-horse-power Old's Gasoline Engine, fitted by appropriate gearing to run the newspaper press and all of its jobbers either separately or simultaneously.

This is an excellent specimen of the internal explosion or gasoline engine which is coming into such wide and general use among farmers and others desiring a small power engine of simple construction durable and saleable for a small price. The makers of this machine are the Old's Gasoline Engine Co., of Lansing, Michigan, and Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son are agents in Middletown for its sale. They installed the snug little double team for us in a jiffy, and now we shall go sailing down the newspaper pike at a lively gait. And what a small stall our tiny shopands, and how little gasoline grab they eat!

And what's more these tough iron ponies never get tired or sick, for like an Arizona cayuse you can live on next to nothing, stand almost any sort of neglect, and do no end of hard work.

So THE TRANSCRIPT serves notice on its customers and others needing hurry job, that it is equipped to accommodate them if doing their work more rapidly, not to say a little better, than was possible under the old way of printing.

Mr. Russell Cleaver and Miss Edith Frances were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cleaver, near Smyrna, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Walmsley, of Philadelphia, spent several days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. McWhorter.

Mr. Harvey Voshell has accepted a position in Lynn, Mass., and left for that place Sunday evening.

Mr. John Voshell and son John, Jr., of near town, spent several days this week with Miss Mary Gill.

Little Miss Marjorie Virdin, of Kenton, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. Burris, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter left Thursday morning for Ocean View, Va., where they will spend six weeks.

Mr. Fred Davis and little son, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis. Mr. Davis spent Sunday with his wife.

The numerous friends of Mr. William J. Ellison, will regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home on East Main street.

Mr. Levin and daughter, Miss Jessie, of Trenton, N. J., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan, have returned home.

Miss Edna Bonwell, of near Lynch's, Md., has returned home, after spending several days as the guest of Miss Laura Connellee.

Grand State Chancellor H. S. Beasean visited Marshallton Lodge, K. of P., Friday evening, and installed the newly elected officers.

Mrs. T. J. Bowes and two daughters, Miss Susan and Alice, of Philadelphia, are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Alston, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie and children returned, Tuesday from a pleasant two weeks visit with the doctor's parents, in Zanesville, Ohio.

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Protests against the new postal cards are going into the Post Office Department at Washington, from all over the country. The complaints is that the card board on which they are printed is of such a poor quality that it will not hold ink.

The Sunday School of St. Anne's Episcopal Church held its annual picnic at Augustine Park on Wednesday. The little folks, as well as the larger ones, spent a delightful day, and the treat of ice cream and cake was appreciated by all.

During this hot weather dispensers of milk cannot be too careful to keep milk receptacles clean and pure. They should be thoroughly scalded and rinsed each time used to insure the removal of any germ that may be lurking there.

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PERSONALS

Mr. Lemuel B. Lee has returned from Wilmington.

Mr. A. Fogel is spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Miss Mary Richards is visiting friends near St. Georges.

Mr. Alfred C. Connelles is spending several days in Galena.

Miss Mary Wood, of Chester, Pa., is visiting Miss Alma Whitlock.

Mr. Mary Mette, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. Samuel Price.

Mr. David I. Allen spent Wednesday and Thursday in Chapel, Md.

Miss Crystal Moore, of Elton, Md., is visiting Miss Ruby Whitlock.

Miss Bertha Pyle, of Kennett Square, Pa., is visiting her parents here.

Miss Bertie Cralls, of Emmerion, Va., is the guest of Mrs. Albert Price.

Mrs. Lillian Walker, has returned from a week's sojourn at Bowers Beach.

Mr. William H. Smoot, of Washington, D. C., is a guest of Mrs. E. H. Beck.

Mr. E. Culver and daughter, Mary are visiting relatives in Cape Charles, Va.

Mr. Ethel Sparks, of near St. Georges, spent Sunday with Miss Bertha Jones.

Mrs. William Robinson, of near Smyrna, is spending sometime with her parents here.

Mr. W. W. Wolf, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. John L. Byron and wife.

Miss Helen Jones, of Wilmington, is spending several days of this week with friends and relatives in Smyrna.

Little Miss Mildred Holten is visiting her cousin, little Miss Helen Shepley, in Smyrna.

Miss Mary O'Day, of Seaford, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. David Allen.

Mrs. Anna Clark, of Wilmington, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. H. Emerson.

In the KIRKWOOD RACES

Lovers of horse racing will have an opportunity to witness some of the best racing of the season at McCoy's Kite Track this afternoon. Some of the fastest horses in the state will be started, including R. T. C. Binvilo, Clodagh and others.

In his undergraduate days he was noted as a foot ball player, so strenuous and bold in his enthusiastic devotion to that game, that he broke a collarbone twice in the furious scrimmages. That he could have done all this without disclosing any evidence of organic heart disease, or even any diaethes or pain in that direction, only renders the mystery of his sudden death deeper.

He was 29 years old, unmarried, and lived in Middletown with his widowed mother, Mrs. Eliza Green, to whom the entire community extends its deepest sympathy in her bitter loss. Mrs. Green and daughter Miss Eliza, were in the West at the time of his death visiting another son, Victor, who is living in Colorado. She and her son and daughter are to arrive in Middletown this (Saturday) afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at his mother's residence Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the remains will be interred in St. Annes Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

WILLIAM JOHNSON

The many friends of William Johnson of Odessa were shocked Saturday morning when told of his suicide. Mr. Johnson who had been the town bailiff of that borough for a number of years, committed suicide by placing a revolver against his right temple and pulling the trigger.

What caused the unfortunate man to commit the deed is a question his relatives and friends cannot solve, as he had never spoken of such an act. Deceased committed the deed in his bed room, and after hearing the report of the revolver, his wife listened to the bed chamber, and was horrified to find her husband lying on the floor with blood oozing from a wound in his temple.

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The numerous friends of Mr. William J. Ellison, will regret to learn that he is critically ill at his home on East Main street.

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Little Miss Marjorie Virdin, of Kenton, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. Burris, has returned home.

THE PRICE SHE PAID

BY EMMA PLATT GUYTON

Xenil Edmonston stepped on to the railway platform just as Burke Rodney, accompanied by his wife and little son drove up. Unobserved, but curiously, Edmonston watched Mrs. Rodney as, after kissing the boy tenderly, unassisted by her husband she climbed out of the carriage.

"We'll come for you to-night, mamma!" called the child.

The husband, however, gave only a surly grunt to her cheerful response, first to the lad, then to him.

"Good-by, sweetheart! Good-by, Burke!"

The brute! muttered Edmonston, and drew farther back upon the platform, that she might not feel humiliated by the immediate knowledge that he had witnessed the singular parting.

It was not till she had purchased her ticket and stepped out on to the platform to await the coming train that Edmonston ventured to approach her. The flush which her husband's boorish reply and manner had caused still suffused her face, but she advanced with a smile and an outstretched hand to greet him.

Xenil Edmonston was known for his brotherly kindness and devotion to all women, but it was with more than his accustomed chivalry that he took into both his own the hand that Helen Rodney offered. Her face paled slightly, and he felt the hand he so warmly grasped tremble as he said:

"It is a long time since we last met, Helen. How have you been?"

There was a world of tenderness in the voice that questioned,

Sympathy is the open sesame to the gates of long pent-up emotion. Poor, patient, suffering Helen Rodney could not withstand it. The tears flooded her eyes till they blinded her sight. The thunder of the approaching train rang in her ears, but above it all the whispered words:

"Forgive me, from Xenil Edmonston, sounded like the music of earlier, happier years."

Carefully shielding her from observation, he handed her into a private compartment of a parlor car, and with a word of excuse, left her to find the porter.

Dominated as she was by a series of emotions of which self-commiseration was not the least, the tact and gentleness of the man appealed most forcibly to her gratitude and sense of admiration. When, later, he returned and took a seat beside her, she turned her eyes bravely to his as she said:

I am very glad of this meeting, Xenil, though you have discovered the skeleton in my closet.

I suspected its existence long ago; for public gossip, though not remarkable for its veracity, is not without some foundation in truth. So, Helen, I have longed to see you and learn the facts from your own lips. I resolved, however, not to plan nor force a meeting, but calmly to await fate's own good times. I was sure it would come. Do you remember our last rendezvous, before your engagement to Rodney was publicly announced? As I told you then I tell you now—sooner or later our lives must run together. You laughed at the idea, though you half recognized your deeper love for me. I saw that you must learn your lesson by experience, which meant marriage with Rodney, with whom you were dazzled, infatuated, and thought yourself irrevocably in love. I knew better than you knew yourself. Helen, dearest, though a cruel one, is not the lesson learned? Are you not ready to cast off the degrading shackles that bind you and come to me?

A startled, frightened look came into her eyes, but the indignation she should have felt was absent, although she drew herself slightly away from him.

There, Helen, don't misunderstand me! I am neither a libertine nor a scoundrel, as you know, and being a lawyer, shall abide by legal measures. To put the matter plainly and perhaps bluntly, I want your permission to obtain a divorce for you from Burke Rodney on the ground of cruelty. I then desire to make you my wife according to civil law, as you are now in sight of a higher but generally unrecognized one—that of God!

His voice thrilled her with an indescribable tenderness as he pronounced the last words. She knew all he said was true. Seven years before they had been sweethearts. There had been no definite engagement, but a tacit understanding existed between

them that some day they would be husband and wife.

Xenil was a struggling young lawyer then, just out from college. Burke Rodney came between them with the glamour of his wealth, and the voluptuous, impetuous nature that made what he desired immediately his own.

In less than six months from their meeting Helen became his wife, and repented at leisure. A year after marriage a child was born, the little Philip, and in him she had her only comfort and happiness.

The impetuosity she had once taken for an evidence of love seemed now a wild recklessness that terminated in the most passionate outbursts of temper if she crossed her husband's will, however unintentionally.

If she expressed a desire that did not accord with his mood, he burst upon her with violent and abusive language. The presence of the boy was no restraint; and Helen reached a point where she felt a tragedy was imminent. Such scenes between them would at least ruin the character and disposition of the boy. The utter inharmony of their natures was becoming more apparent daily. Often her very presence seemed not only to irritate but infuriate him. He was an open admirer of other women. In her opinion such a marriage was only a mockery, and had it not been for the boy, she would have terminated it long before. Her own disposition was becoming erratic, and at times a rebelliousness against her lot took absolute possession of her.

Now, at a time when her domestic troubles seemed to have reached a climax, Love came and whispered to her the old, sweet strain. The feeling she thought dead leaped again to life. Could she, dared she, face the scandal that such a separation would create? And Philip—what of him? This thought caused her to gasp for breath as she asked:

"What would it all mean for Philip?"

You should have the boy, if possible; if not, you would probably be permitted to have him with you occasionally. That would be much better for him than the scenes he must constantly be forced to witness between his father and mother.

Ah, yes! It is killing me and ruining him. I will consider the matter and then let you know. You return to-night, do you not?

Yes; I have important business which will require my attention the entire day. I presume you are up for shopping. I will meet you, however, at the train to-night.

It was a peculiar day for Helen Rodney. Amid the rush and tumult of the city, thoughts of Philip, Burke, and home dissensions, mingled curiously with dry goods, millinery, love, and Xenil Edmonston.

At last the day was over, and once again she and Xenil were together. Even now his presence seemed to her a comfort and protection.

Well, what is the decision? he gravely queried.

I cannot decide immediately. Give me time, Xenil.

As much as you like, Helen; but I see the end. Therefore, will you not allow me to call occasionally, simply as a friend?

She gave him her hand in consent. He pressed it deferentially to his lips, then carefully arranged some pillows for her to rest upon, and taking a newspaper from his pocket commenced to read; and so, in silence, they made the short journey home.

The weeks that followed seemed interminably long to Helen, and her moods and methods of reasoning were various. For hours at a time she would consider the proposed measures from a strictly orthodox and conventional point of view, until a species of insanity seemed to possess her. This would be followed by a rebellious mood—which for a woman is particularly dangerous; for if temptation came to her at such a moment, she may in desperation yield to it. Fortunately, Xenil Edmonston was not the man to take advantage of such moments. He intended she should make the decision for herself with what deliberation she should desire, and in natural frame of mind.

Then, whatever occurred, she could not censure either herself or him.

At these periods of mental in-

surrection, Helen felt like immediate and open rebellion against those regulations and customs of society which some inherent but pristine sense, dominated as unnatural and false. Yet she knew that she was still thrall to a heritage of social claims and obligations. She despised herself that this was so, and wondered if she would ever become sufficiently strong to break what she felt to be a degrading bondage.

Perhaps the narrowness of those with whom she came in daily contact irritated her to constant self-analysis, so that she seemed an inhabitant of a world apart.

It was only the occasional visits of Xenil Edmonston that partially restored her to the humanity about her. He was in no wise a part of it, but it was doubtless the kinship that existed between them that made her, in his presence feel less isolated.

Perhaps her husband suspected what was going on in her mind. At all events, he had never been so frankly brutal. There were times when she feared personal violence. Once she said to him, in desperation:

"Rodney, I believe you hate me. Let us go our separate ways. Set me free!"

For years she remembered the terrible scene that ensued—the man's coarse accusations and insults. In horror she fled from him. And, this ruffian was the father of her child! If the day should come when Philip trod in the steps of his sire, she felt her heart would break.

A long, miserable year dragged by. Then Helen became desperate, and gave Edmonston the answer he desired. It was sent in a characteristic little note which read simply:

"I have decided to place my case in your hands and trust my future to your care. HELEN."

Without delay Edmonston repaired to Mr. Rodney, whom he found alone and at leisure. A cool greeting was exchanged between the two men, and then the lawyer launched into the object of his visit. He stated his case clearly and concisely. The love he had borne Helen for years previous to her marriage, the sympathy he had felt at the unhappiness of her wedded life, which was public talk, his desire to make her his wife, if Rodney would permit a quiet divorce without contest, was told in a straightforward, manly way.

To say that Rodney was dazed, bewildered, at the proposition is but a mild way of stating his mental condition. He was speechless for a moment, during which time every vestige of color disappeared from his face. Then he asked:

"Helen knows of this?"

"Yes. And it is her wish to leave me? Yes."

Rodney's eyes burned with anger as he deliberately replied:

"I am not a man to hold any woman against her will. If, as you think, you can make this one happy, take her and welcome; but not the boy. She will never be allowed intercourse without contest, the boy trust."

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